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FOR DIDIR FELDMAN FROM ACTING DCM BENNETT

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SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM (ADDITIONAL MANPOWER FOR
VOLAG REP AND ADMIN SITREP)

REF: HONG KONG 8657

1. EMB AND JOINT VOLAG REP BEERY AGREE THAT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE
OF THE TYPE SUGGESTED IN REFTTEL IS DESIRABLE. BEERY HAS
REQUESTED AND RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.
HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF RECRUITING AT THE PRESENT TIME.

2. EMB AND VOLAG REP WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER EXPLANATION
OF "NEED TO PROCESS AND MOVE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF BOAT CASE
REFUGEES FROM MALAYSIA DURING FINAL TWO MONTHS FY77". CAN
DIDIR INS PROVIDE US WITH A MORE SPECIFIC IDEA OF WHAT
CONSTITUTES A "SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER"? ASSUMING CE PROGRAM AND
DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS DO NOT CHANGE, EMB FACES FOLLOWING
DIFFICULTIES IN MOVING REFUGEES DURING FINAL TWO MONTHS
OF FY 77.

A. REFUGEES ARE SCATTERED IN 10 REMOTE LOCATIONS OVER A
DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000 MILES.

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B. LARGE MAJORITY OF REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA HAVE ARRIVED RECENTLY.
(NUMBER HAS APPROXIMATELY DOUBLED IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS
FROM 1,500 TO OVER 3,000).

C. MOST OF THESE RECENT ARRIVALS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED WITHIN
LAST MONTH BY EMBOFF AND VOLAG REP. EMB EXPERIENCES AVERAGE

WAIT OF 1-2 MONTHS TO RECEIVE VERIFICATION AND FALCON CLEARANCES.

D. PRIMARY DIFFICULTY IS IN OBTAINING FORM 591 ASSURANCES FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN U.S. THESE ARE INCREASINGLY SLOW IN ARRIVING. (FYI. WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN FINDING 60 PERSONS WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR AUGUST 8 MOVEMENT BECAUSE FORMS 591 ARE LACKING IN A MAJORITY OF CASES WHICH HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE APPROVED. THIS IS FOR CASES WHICH WERE APPROVED BY INS OFFICER YOUNG IN EARLY MAY.)

3. THERE ARE 430 REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA (NOT YET AUTHORIZED FOR MOVEMENT) WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY INS. OF THIS NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 230 REQUIRE VISA FALCON CLEARANCE, 180 REQUIRE VERIFICATION AND 350 LACK FORM 591 ASSURANCE. AFTER 60 DEPART AUGUST 8 THERE WILL BE 25 REFUGEES REMAINING WHO HAVE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION. IT CAN BE SAFELY ASSUMED THAT OF THOSE APPROVED BY INS OFFICER NICHOLL ON FORTHCOMING TRIP TO CAMPS IN KOTA BARU, TRENGGANU AND KUANTAN, NONE OR ALMOST NONE WILL HAVE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

4. FINALLY EMB REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS NOTICE TO MOVE REFUGEES. WE HAVE BEEN CATEGORICALLY INFORMED BY UNHCR THAT THEY REQUIRE MINIMUM OF 1 WEEK NOTICE TO MOVE REFUGEES FROM CAMPS TO KUALA LUMPUR. MEDICAL PROCESSING IN UNCLASSIFIED

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KUALA LUMPUR ALSO REK LVS MINIMUM OF 1 WEEK TO COMPLETE AND EVEN THEN IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN MEDICAL DETERMINATION OF FITNESS TO TRAVEL FOR POSSIBLE TB CASES. IN ADDITION RED CRESCENT (RED CROSS) HERE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE APPROXIMATELY 60 REFUGEES AT ANY ONE TIME IN KUALA LUMPUR SO UNHCR MUST ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE HFIRHOVEMENTS WITH MOVEMENTS TO OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES.

5. COMMENT. IN VIEW OF THESE PROBLEMS EMB ANTICIPATES CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN DOCUMENTING SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES FOR MOVEMENT FROM MALAYSIA DURING THE NEXT TWO MONTHS AS SUGGESTED BY INS HONG KONG IN REFTEL.

6. ACTION: ACCELERATION OF FORM 591 TRANSMITTALS WOULD OVERCOME ONE OF THE HANDICAPS CURRENTLY AFFECTING US AND, IN ANY CASE, IS MANDATORY IF THIS REQUIREMENT IS MAINTAINED FOR ANY NEW, LARGE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES. ADVANCE NOTICE ALSO IS A KEY TO MOVEMENT OF LARGER GROUPS. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IF WE HAD THREE FULL WORKING WEEKS NOTICE OF MOVEMENT TO HONG KONG (AND ASSUMING ACCELERATION OF FORM 591 TRANSMITTALS) WE COULD MOVE 240 PER MONTH WITH EXISTING EMB AND VOLAG STAFF WITHOUT SATURATING THE VARIOUS OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS--UNHCR,

RED CRESCENT, STATE SECURITY COMMITTEES-- WHICH BRING
REFUGEES FROM DISTANT POINTS AND HOUSE AND FEED THEM IN KUALA
LUMPUR.
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